



Essential Information

October 2023

**HEAD TEACHERS
AUTUMN MESSAGE**

It was a real pleasure to welcome everyone back for the start of my favourite term. I really enjoyed leading assembly on Monday and Friday and have loved seeing the children around school again – the enthusiasm and excitement about their learning has been really clear.

It was also quite wonderful to present so many certificates today alongside the cross country award from last year. Many thanks to Mrs Hollingsworth for her support and hard work.

Mrs Ward

Clubs

There are a number of sports multi-skills clubs running at lunchtimes for both key stage 1 and 2, these are proving very popular.

There will be a change of day for some clubs from next week:

Monday: Clay creators – 17 spaces

Tuesday: Art Club (Key stage 2) – 12 spaces

Wednesday: Gymnastics Club – 12 spaces

Thursday: Nerf Club – 12 spaces

All clubs run until 4.20pm with late stay running until 5.20pm. Please sign up via SchoolMoney.

Reading

Reading for pleasure is the biggest indicator of success in education. For this reason, we have a wide range of reading material in school which we are always supplementing with books recommended by your children. Our phonics scheme is highly successful with attainment in year 1 and 2 above national levels. To build on early successes we have added a range of Little Wandle books to support fluency this year for year 2 and key stage 2 readers.

Comics

We have a number of children in school who love to read comics. If you have any old comics that you no longer need at home, we would be very grateful if you could donate them to school. Please drop them at the school office. Thank you.

Volunteers in school

We are always extremely grateful for any additional help in school and can always make use of volunteers to come into school and hear children read or do other support work with small groups or individuals.

If you can spare an hour or so and are able to come into school this year – whether you have been in previously or not – please get in touch. You could either mention it to your child's teacher at the classroom door or speak to Mrs Grimshaw in the school office (in person or by email).

We ask regular volunteers to do a DBS check – this is free of charge and just requires some simple ID checks that we can arrange very easily.

Thank you – your support is appreciated.

Armistice

We will celebrate armistice on 10/11/23 with an assembly led by class 4 at 10:45am. Parents of pupils in class 4 are welcome to attend.



General Information

School Council Update

The winners of the Eco team competitions were Lyra, Olivia, Daisy-Mai and Seth. Well done.

On November 10th the children are invited to dress in Halloween costumes and enter the "carve a pumpkin" competition (£2 entry fee).

Class 3 and 4 need to bring PE kits.

Ofsted

We are due an inspection by December 2024. Recent external monitoring has identified many strengths across our school including reading, behaviour, pupil attitudes to learning and our comprehensive and ambitious curriculum. Don't forget to have your say on: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

We need you to let everyone know how special your child's school is.

Relationships education

You will have seen information on the news about schools sharing relationships education materials with parents. We have always done this on request, but will investigate how we can share our teaching materials more widely.

Curriculum update

Curriculum Intent

We teach the National Curriculum with the ambition of instilling a love of all subjects.

To achieve this, we bring the curriculum to life through the arts, drama, stories, outdoor learning, visitors to school and visits out of school, charitable work and more. We believe that through real hands on experiences, children will remember more of the curriculum and be able to apply this to future learning. Your support with the costs of trips is much appreciated.

When planning our curriculum, we ask three key questions:

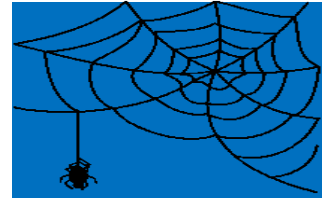
- What knowledge and skills will our pupils need in the future?
- What personal qualities and learning habits do we need to promote in our children?
- How can we support our pupils to live in a diverse modern world?

We teach children the ways in which they can make a difference to their community, their country and the wider world.

STOP PRESS!

Thank you to:

- Those parents who regularly help support our forest schools
- Our PFA for organising the Halloween disco
- The Eco Team for their, whole school, rivers assembly
- The School Council for their Harvest assembly



Christmas

Class 1 and 2 will lead our Christmas event – A magical Xmas journey on Monday 11th December at 2pm and Tuesday 12th December at 9:30am.

A maximum of 2 tickets available per family.

There will be a dress rehearsal on Monday 11th December at 9:30am – 1 ticket available per family.

We will finish for Christmas on Friday 22nd December at 2pm

There will be a carol service at 1:15pm – 2 tickets per family only please.

See diary dates for information about other Christmas events.